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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN TO HOST WOMEN ADMINISTRATOR'S SEMINAR

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University will offer a seminar for women, "Getting Your Foot in the Door of Administration," Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Kansas Room in Eastern's University Union.

Although designed for women educators, the seminar is open to anyone interested in leadership roles in schools, according to Dr. Patricia Tucker-Ladd, assistant professor in Eastern's Department of Educational Administration.

She and department chair Dr. Raymond Calabrese are organizing the program, which is sponsored by the Department of Eastern's Women Administrators Advocacy Group.

According to Tucker-Ladd, the program's topics will be presented by area administrators who have an interest in helping talented women get positions in administration.

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Following registration, from 6:30 to 7 p.m., Priscilla Palmer, an elementary principal in Decatur, will present "The Social Transition from Teacher to Administrator." This session will explore predictable changes in professional and interpersonal relationships with parents, students, other teachers and community members after becoming an administrator.

Jeannie Walters, principal of Mark Twain and Lincoln schools in Charleston, will address issues concerning one's salability in becoming an administrator during a session, entitled "Positioning for Advancement."

"The Balancing Act: Career and Home" by Susan Hanfland, Director of the Regional Vocational Cooperative, and Mary Gherardini, principal of the Eastern Illinois Area Special Education's Hearing Impaired Program, will deal with the unique challenges of women pursuing administrative careers.

Beverly Turkal, Assistant Superintendent of the Robinson School District, will close the event with a session entitled "Introduction to the Administrative Experience: What to Expect." In it she will be disclosing some surprises new women administrators can expect in their first few months in new positions.

The purpose of the program, according to Tucker-Ladd, is not only to aid in the advancement of women in administrative positions, but also to help "promote the overall excellence in administration."

A \$10 registration fee for the seminar is due Oct. 31. Further information may be obtained by contacting Eastern's Department of Educational Administration, AC(217) 581-2919.